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Thanks

... To those parents who supported our year 7 and 8 representative athletics team this week (and Jenny W. for co-ordinating the team).

People of the week

... Our year 8 debating team for their efforts this week ... second place in the competition. Well done!

... Those students who entered in this year's art scholarship.

... Middle and senior School Speech and Spelling Bee finalists.

... Our junior student who was commended at BMX recently for helping another rider after a mishap .. he later asked his mother which virtue he had applied. Very cool!

Congratulations

... to the following recipients of their class (Courtesy) virtues awards.

Rm 1a Jarred Waters

Rm 1 Eden Milligan, Holly Rhodes

Rm 2 Lydia Alison, Ethan Watkins

Rm 3 Mikayla Langley, Gwyneth AhMu, Mia Stevenson

Rm 4 Ava Boaks, Dane O'Donnell

Rm 5 Ruby Van Boldrik, Ben Donaldson

Rm 6 Brianna Brown-Williamson, Hamish Powell

Rm 7 Paige Hamilton, Nyree Pol

Rm 8 Caden Gunson, Olivia Bradley

Rm 9 Luke O'Donnell, Riley Perris

Rm 10 Mila Pivac Hohaia, Lily Stewart

Rm 11 Nikolai Piskulic, Lauchlan Marvin, Phoenix Brothers

Rm 12 Brendan Pol, Garry Currin, Dannielle Marvin, Ella Beever

Rm 13 Caitlin Henry, Kyle Hanlon, Kayley Todd

Congratulations also ...

... to the following students who set new school athletics records ...

Jynaia Hewson - new year 8 Girls High Jump record - 1.38 metres

Niko Robertson - new year 6 Boys High Jump record - 1.29 metres

Ava Perkins - new year 6 Girls High Jump record - 1.22 metres

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

27 November Year 3 Outdoor Education Day - Adventure Forest

28 November Year 1-3 trip to Mair Park

30 November Year 4-6 Interschool Athletics

1 December Tech Quest (Y6 students)

5 December BOT Parent Helpers Morning Tea

6 December School Team Athletics Day (pp 7.12)

8 December Final Year 7 and 8 Tech Day for 2017

11 December School prize giving

12 December End of Year Reports issued

13 December Year 7 and 8 Fun Day

14 December Final day of the 2017 school year (mid-day finish)

First day of 2018 school year Wednesday 31 January

Please refer to recent newsletters (stored on our website) for information on...

.... After School Swimming Lessons 2018 ... Confirmation of address / bus entitlement
... Black watch found ... Missing copper kettle

Year 8 Leaving Books

A reminder that these are due at school Monday 4 December. A huge thank you to parents who have helped with the purchase of these books.

Reports - second copy

We do have a reasonable idea where two copies of reports are required. If you need two copies of your child's report because parents reside at different addresses, please flick Helen an email

admin@matarau.school.nz

School Team Athletics Day - Wednesday 6 December

You might like to drop by Wednesday 6 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours (creativity encouraged).

Thanks to Earl Tito Engineering who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.

Art Exhibition

Judges were mightily impressed with the quality of exhibits. We would like to leave these on display at school over the remaining weeks and so please drop by and take a look (back of the library). Thank you to every exhibitor and to parents for supporting their efforts.

School Contributions

Still a few to come. The board strongly encourages parents to pay their contribution out of fairness to other parents.

Kamo Dental Clinic

If your child has not been seen by the dental clinic in Kamo this year please phone 0800myteeth (0800 6983384) to make an appointment. If your child is in Year 8 this year they have a choice of staying with the DHB or going privately. If you have preschoolers they are entitled to have their teeth seen by the Kamo Clinic as well.

Lost Property

Please drop by to check the lost property bin sometime over the next couple of weeks. Items unclaimed by term's end will be donated to charities.

Pool Keys 2018

The school pool will be open for use by key holders from mid-January of next year, until around Easter. Keys will be available for hire next week at a cost of \$40 (with \$10 of this refunded when the key is returned at the end of the season).

A number of people have not returned their 2017 keys and are asked to do so by the end of next week please, where a key is lost we will be asking parents to pay for the cost of cutting another key.

After School Care 2018

If you think you would use an After School Care (OSCAR approved) programme next year, starting term 1, 3:00 - 5:30, school hall, Monday to Friday, homework support, afternoon tea, arts and crafts etc. Cost \$6 per child per hour, additional siblings \$3 per child per hour please contact Kim 021 066 3806 to enrol, or for more information.

After School Swimming Lessons 2018

If interested please phone Cristina Robles on 972 7478 mobile 021 464 300. Be in quick!

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting
10:30 am Tuesday 5 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2017. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.
If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

Prizegiving

Please reserve 11 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 6:30pm .. all under cover this year. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. **If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Helen a call next week.**

2018 School Stationery



As for 2017, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - www.myschool.co.nz The class stationery lists will be uploaded by the time school closes & confirmation of your child's 2018 classroom will be confirmed by then too. On the Officemax website search for Matarau School and then your child's class. Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process.

If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

Interschool Athletics Qualifiers - Years 4 to 8

Y4 - 6 Event - 30 November - Information & permission slips will be sent home were sent home last week with those year 4, 5 & 6 students who have qualified to represent our school zone.

Year 3 Trip to Adventure Forest - 27 November

The aim of this day is to give year 3 some extra opportunities to challenge themselves & experience a different environment. As always all challenges will be by choice. Our day will be held at Glenbervie Forest, including the Tree Adventure experience. Cost of this day is \$25, permissions slips have been sent home. Please return with your money as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.

Y1-3 Trip to Mair Park - 28 November

Children will start with a walk of the Hatea track to the bridge. The rest of the day will be based in the park with a variety of activities that take advantage of the natural environment. The aim of the day is co-operation, problem solving, challenge by choice and of course fun! Permission slips have been sent home, Please return them to your class teacher as soon as possible. Any questions to your class teacher please.

Home Gardens - Reminders

Garden Diaries were due today ... sorry no extensions as these have been collected for marking.

- ✓ Remember to secure tall plants as they grow.
- ✓ Keep on top of pest control.
- ✓ Keep on top of your weeding.
- ✓ Mulch if necessary
- ✓ Begin removing laterals on tomatoes if you have an indeterminate variety.

Mr LeBreton

Some of you may be aware that Mr Le Breton has resigned his position at Matarau School in order to return to Australia with his partner. We are grateful for Mr Le Breton's contributions over the past two years and will be very sad to see him go. We will officially farewell Mr Le Breton at our Parent Helpers Morning Tea on 5 December and you are welcome to attend if you would like to say good bye to him.

Replacement for Mr Le Breton

Parents may be interested that Mr Adam Crump has been appointed to replace Mr Le Breton in the senior school. Mr Crump is a very experienced and highly regarded teacher. Mr Crump is very excited to join our Cambridge team and will "hit the ground running". We look forward to adding him to our team.

Early finish

Please note that school finishes at midday (12:00) on the final day of school - Thursday 14 December. All buses will run approximately 3 hours early ... please allow some variation on drop off / pick up time due to unpredictable loadings. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at midday please.

Finally

In recent weeks staff engaged in the hugely difficult task of shortlisting candidates for this year's Citizenship Cup. This is always hard, but never more than this year. Every student could have been nominated, every student is one of whom we, and their parents, can feel extremely proud. At the end of the day we needed to reduce to 8 candidates, a manageable number for student voting. Congratulations again to those students who were nominated, to their parents who should be very proud of them, and to the other year 8's with whom they rub shoulders every day, who are equally amazing and who are surely destined to do great things. The winner of the cup will be announced on prizegiving night, but every year 8 is a winner to us.

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

House wanted to Rent - Family looking for 3+ bdrm home in Matarau area. Ideally with 2 living areas / granny flat type set up. Long term. Trish 021 843 100 or trish_reumah@hotmail.com

Purua Trail Ride – This Sunday – 26th November – Footes Farm. Start time 9.00am

Holiday Surf Programmes - at Tutukaka & Taupo Bay the summer holidays. Our programmes are designed to give children/young adults the confidence to be active and have fun at the beach through the enjoyment of learning how to surf. This is free for children/young adults aged between 11-17 years through BreakAway funding. Monday-Friday - 18-22 Dec; 1-5 Jan; 8-12 Jan; 15-19 Jan. Limited spaces - Please email to book surf@oneillsurfacademy.co.nz www.oneillsurfacademy.co.nz

Christmas Joy! – Whangarei Choral Society Inc presents this at St Johns Golden Church on Saturday 2nd December at 2.30pm. Adults \$20, children 0-15 \$5. Tickets at the door

Ruatangata Playcentre AGM – Tuesday 28 November 10am. Meeting will be held at the Playcentre – 1190 Pipiwai Road. All welcome.

Matarau Tennis Club AGM - Tuesday 19 December, Matarau School Staffroom, 7pm. Please call Robyn on 021 541 349 or 433 5501 for more details or email on russrob763@gmail.com.

Nationwide test of Emergency Mobile Alert

Is happening on 26 November 2017 between 6 and 7pm. The Emergency Mobile Alert should appear automatically on your phone's screen with a unique and penetrating warning sound.

As Emergency Mobile Alert is about keeping you safe, you won't be able to opt-out of receiving Emergency Mobile Alert.

It is expected around one third of phones will initially be able to receive the alerts. You can find out whether your phone can receive the alerts at

<http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/emergency-mobile-alert>